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EDITOR CALLS FOR PEOPLE
 TO REFORM PEOPLE'S POLICE METHODS

Today's news reports that some members of the police force at the I-miao Branch of the Public Security Bureau have gotten away from the methods of the masses. This indicates clearly that the spirit of whole-hearted service to the people is still deficient among certain personnel in our Shanghai Municipal Police Force today. Traces of ideologies of the exploiting class, such as "sovereignty" and "special rights" still persist and, in certain quarters, rather firmly. This not only constitutes a loss of prestige to the people's government among the people, but it also directly obstructs liaison between our public security agencies and the broad masses of the people. This should attract the attention of the various leaders in the Bureau of Public Security and those who work with them.

To overcome these tendencies effectively, the leaders in the I-miao Branch Bureau have adopted an excellent plan of sending an operations group to the various agencies, schools, and organizations of the masses, to carry out thorough interrogations. Discussion meetings will also be held among all-circles delegates and solicit the opinions of people from all walks of life concerning the Public Security personnel, to obtain a basis on which to effect improvements.

The Public Security personnel are agents of the people's government; they are service personnel whose undivided loyalty is to the people. It is their sacred duty to maintain the security of the people's lives and property and to restrain and suppress subversive activities among antirevolutionary and destructive elements. They do not have any special right, however, to insult the people, or to take advantage of them. They work for the good of the people and they necessarily depend upon the people for the successful prosecution of their duties.

Thus, if we regularly hold small-scale discussion meetings among the representatives of the masses, solicit opinions, propagate the laws, publicize superior examples from among the people's police, publicize the errors and defects of certain police, and start a campaign of self-criticism among the masses,

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then we shall have engaged the support of the masses, furthered our ideal of rebuilding our internal structures, amended our ways, and strengthened the establishment of proper methods in uniting our masses. These steps to be taken by the I-miao Branch Bureau merit the careful attention of every Public Security branch bureau and station.

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